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FOOD MARKETING NEWSLETTER

CCC NOVEMBER SALES LIST The following commodities are available to buyers from CCC stocks during November: For domestic sale: Dried whole eggs, nonfat dry milk solids, raw linseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian Winter Pea seed, Blue Lupine seed, Kobe Lespedeza seed, Common and Willamette Vetch seed, red clover seed, wheat, oats, barley, and corn. For sale to commercial exporters: Dried whole eggs, dry edible beans and Austrian Winter Pea Seed.

From January 1, through October 19, sales from domestic list totaled \$97,151,696; from "export list" \$19,508,256.

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GRAIN PRICE SUPPORT Through September 1951, farmers put 136,565,002 bushels of 1951-crop wheat, barley, oats, rye, corn, grain sorghums, soybeans and flaxseed under CCC price support. During same period last year, about 128 million of 1950-crop grains were under support.

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CCC PRICE SUPPORT STATUS CCC had \$1,885,088,000 invested in price-support loans and inventories as of September 30. The corporation reports a net realized loss of \$31,252,000 in carrying out its support program during the first three months of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1952. (Net realized loss for fiscal year ended June 30, 1951 was \$345,599,000).

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GRAPEFRUIT JUICE U. S. standards for grades of frozen concentrated grapefruit juice have been established for first time by USDA. Grades are Grade A (or Fancy) and Grade B (or Choice).

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COCOA Price of cocoa beans rose almost 300 percent from 1945 to August 1951 to greatly exceed rise in price of most principal confectionery ingredients, PMA's Sugar Branch reports. Sugar, corn sirup, milk and peanut prices averaged about 40 percent higher.

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POTATOES A national production goal of 350 million bushels of 1952-crop potatoes has been announced by USDA. Compares with estimated 1951 production of 337 million bushels. Acreage goal 1,565,300 acres, 5,000 more than 1951 goal.

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SUGAR Sugar supply looks more than adequate, so USDA has authorized the Office of International Trade (Commerce Dept.) to relax export controls on sugar and to approve applications for export of reasonable quantities of sugar to countries customarily purchasing in the U. S.

Distribution of sugar by primary distributors week ended October 27 totaled 159,277 short tons, against 118,555 year earlier.

Five public hearings on wage rates and prices for 1952 crop of sugar beets include two in midwest: Detroit, December 3, 10:00 a.m., Room 859, Federal Building; St. Paul, December 5, 10:00 a.m., Empire Room, St. Francis Hotel.

Series of five hearings considered as one, so that testimony at each will be part of same record.

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MEAT Output of meat under Federal inspection in week ended Nov. 3 climbed to 366 million pounds..up 8 percent from week earlier and year ago. Beef output went above production of year ago for first time in months. U. S. production in September was 1,527 million pounds, down 8 percent from August and 7 percent under September 1950.

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MEAT SCRAPS, TANKAGE Production of 161,281 tons of meat scraps and 45,380 tons of feeding tankage in the July-September quarter this year. Output of meat scraps nearly equal to largest total for any quarter in 8 years of record. Tankage production 6 percent larger than average for quarter.

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SOYBEANS October 1 carryover of 4 million bushels of old soybeans in all storage positions was largest since 1947. Smaller than years 1942 to 1945, first four years for which similar data available.



**DRIED EGGS** Exporters now have six months instead of 60 days from date of delivery by CCC to show evidence of dried egg exports. Easing of USDA requirements makes it possible for exporters to buy and store product for future shipment. CCC still has about 15 million pounds of powder on hand.

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**MILK ORDERS** Wendell M. Costello is administrator for new milk order in Neosho Valley (Kansas-Missouri) area. Also continues as administrator for orders in Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma, areas.

Three changes recommended by USDA in Springfield, Mo. order include one which would make Class 1 milk prices not less than those provided under St. Louis order for plants in vicinity of Springfield.

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**CANNED POULTRY** Poultry canned during September totaled 9,898,000 pounds, against 9,956,000 pounds September '50. Quantity canned first 9 months this year 133,844,000, compared with 108,705,000 year ago ...up 23 percent.

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**CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** CCC will purchase for export: canned sliced beets, whole kernel corn, peas, apricots and clingstone peaches from the 1951 pack. Offers to sell must be received on or before 9:00 a.m., EST, November 13, 1951 by Director, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D. C.

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**DRY SKIM MILK** CCC will sell some 600,000 pounds of dry skim milk for animal feed on bid and acceptance basis. Purchase offers may be submitted to Dairy Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D. C. Offers will be considered starting November 8.

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**BEANS AND PEAS** Marketing costs took 52 cents of consumer's dollar spent for dry beans. This is one of 20 conclusions in marketing study reported in USDA Technical Bulletin No. 1044, "Marketing Dry Edible Beans and Peas."

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**FARM PRICES** Farm prices went up during mid-September to mid-October, reversing downward trend that started in March. BAE reports farm prices on October 15 were at all time high record for date, and ratio of prices received to prices paid went up to 105. Cotton and dairy prices went up during month; cattle, fruit, chickens, corn and wool went down. Parity Index, which measures costs to farmer, went up 1 point, which equals all time high level. Increases in cost of feed, feeder livestock, automobiles and trucks boosted this figure.

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**WOOL** Wool exports are easier to make, as result of USDA recommendation to Department of Commerce, putting wool fibers and noils under open-end allocation. Licenses still required, but no limit on amounts permitted to be shipped to friendly nations. Improvement in supply-demand-price situation is back of relaxation.

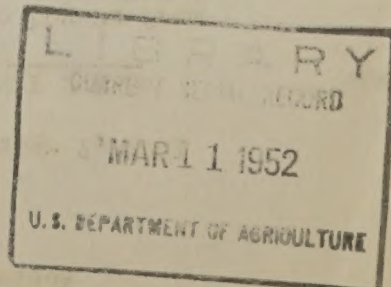
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**POTATOES** World production of potatoes in 1951-52 season estimated at 7.8 billion bushels, 10 percent less than previous year and 6 percent below pre-war. Unfavorable weather in some areas and reduced acreage because of low prices given as cause of lower production.

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Approximately 208,000 pounds of salted creamery butter is being offered for sale at competitive prices by USDA. First offers will be considered on November 14 and should be submitted to Dairy Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, Washington 25, D. C. Announcement (DA-74) has further information concerning sale.

CCC sold 167,500 pounds of dried whole eggs during the period November 5 through November 9. Prices ranged from \$0.3885 per pound f.o.b. warehouse to \$0.402 per pound f.o.b. Laredo, Texas.

USDA purchases of dairy products under price support programs from January through September this year were as follows: Creamery Butter 220,866 pounds, Cheddar Cheese 767,190 pounds, Nonfat Dry Milk Solids 45,414,041 pounds, Evaporated Milk 645,700 cases.

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IMPORTERS WITH CHEESE AND CASEIN QUOTAS GOOD THROUGH DECEMBER 31 WON'T HAVE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR NEW ONES COVERING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1952. NEW QUOTAS, IN FORM OF SUPPLEMENTS TO EXISTING ONES, WILL BE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY BY USDA ON BASIS OF INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE.

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USDA will purchase 20,800 cases of CANNED RED SOUR PITTED CHERRIES for SCHOOL LUNCH use. Offers may be submitted to Director, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production & Marketing Administration, USDA, Washington 25, D. C. on or before 9:00 a.m., EST, November 19 by letter or telegram. For further details see Announcement FV-183.

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PMA is now prepared to make service tests of samples of seed received from, or to be shipped to, a foreign country. Complete results of tests for any combination of factors of germination, purity, and noxious weed seed content will be available as part of service. Seedmen engaging in foreign commerce requested service. Fees will be charged to cover costs of tests.

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U. S. Standards for Dry Edible Beans have been amended by USDA to (1) provide for slight tolerance for clean-cut weevil-bored beans in Mung Beans (2) provide for inclusion of additional 5 percent of classes of beans that blend in each of the grades U. S. No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 Yelloweye and Old Fashioned Yellow Eye classes when the additional percentage consists of White beans similar in size and shape to Yelloweye or Old Fashioned Yelloweye classes.

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THE 1951 CORN CROP IS NOW ESTIMATED BY BAE AT 3,088 MILLION BUSHEL, COMPARED WITH 3,131 MILLION BUSHEL LAST YEAR. SORGHUM GRAINS 166 MILLION BUSHEL AGAINST 237½ MILLIONS LAST YEAR: SOYBEANS 278 MILLION BUSHEL AGAINST 287 MILLIONS: DRY BEANS 16,607,000 BAGS AGAINST 16,843,000; RICE 44,564,000 HUNDRED POUND BAGS AGAINST 37,971,000.

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A fine of \$500 was levied on November 5 against James M. Bishop of the Wilson Egg Corporation of Cincinnati for falsifying a Federal egg grading certificate....a violation of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

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USDA has announced "fair and reasonable" prices for the 1951 crop of Hawaiian sugarcane, as required by the Sugar Act of 1948. The action sets minimum prices which plantations as processor-producers, must pay to planters and to independent growers to become eligible for Sugar Act payments.

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George W. Christenson, in charge of the Minneapolis Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Office of USDA died Wednesday, November 7, in Minneapolis. He was 57 years of age, headed the Minneapolis office since May 1932.

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MORE THAN TWICE THE AMOUNT OF WHEAT WAS EXPORTED DURING JULY-SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR THAN IN SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, USDA ESTIMATES. HOWEVER, SHIPMENTS OF CORN AND OTHER COARSE GRAINS DECLINED. EXPORTS OF WHEAT, FLOUR, AND MACARONI ARE ESTIMATED AT 108,015,000 BUSHELS AGAINST 51,287,000 BUSHELS; COARSE GRAINS 41,271,000 BUSHELS AGAINST 47,531,000 BUSHELS.

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Schedule of CCC loan rates by grades for 1951 crop cigar filler and binder types of tobacco have been announced by USDA. Included in this group are Ohio filler types 42-44, Southern Wisconsin type 54, and Northern Wisconsin type 55.

At the same time, Agriculture Secretary Brannan proclaimed marketing quotas for the 1952 crop of all continental types of cigar-filler and cigar-binder tobacco. Growers will indicate their preference in referenda Friday, December 7 for (1) quotas for three years beginning with the 1952 crop, (2) quotas for 1952 only, or (3) no quotas.

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Distribution of sugar by primary distributors week ended November 3 totaled 151,702 short tons, raw value. Compares with 118,447 tons same week in 1950. Total distribution from January 1 to November 3, was 6,721,011 tons against 7,157,809 tons same period 1950. Covers distribution for civilian and military use in continental U. S.

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NO GREAT EFFECT ON ON-FARM CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED AS RESULT OF REDUCED ALLOTMENTS OF CONTROLLED MATERIALS TO USDA FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1952. VERY FEW SUCH PROJECTS CALL FOR MORE CONTROLLED MATERIALS THAN CAN BE SELF-CERTIFIED BY FARMERS, USDA REPORTS.

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"WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN AT THE MEAT COUNTER" is title of filmstrip developed by USDA to assist in teaching market selection of meats. Color film, nontechnical, designed especially for consumer groups. Lecture to accompany picture takes about 25 minutes. Nutritionists, dietiticians and dealers especially will find filmstrip useful.

For frequent use, it is suggested that copy be ordered direct from Photo Lab., Inc., 3825 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington 11, D.C. Cost is \$4.00.

If filmstrip is desired for single showing, one copy is available for loan from the Office of Information Services, PMA, USDA, 623 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois. Telephone WEBster 9-7000, Ext. 185.

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U.S. Standards for grades of canned pears have been revised to take effect November 30. Principal revisions include changes in recommended drained weights, definitions of trimming and inclusion of "mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes" as a style of pears, and of canned "solid-pack" as a type of pack.

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Production of meat under Federal inspection for week ended November 10 is estimated at 396 million pounds - up 8 percent from preceding week and 19 per cent over a year ago.

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Making chips and "french fries" from any variety of potatoes is possibility established by research folks of USDA and some State experiment stations. At present, only certain potato varieties can be used for these products. Raw slices are dipped in water slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid for one or two minutes just before frying.

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CCC sold 22,950 pounds of dried whole eggs during period November 12 through 16 inclusive...price \$0.3885 per pounds F.O.B. warehouse.

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MANY MORE CATTLE WILL BE FED FOR MARKET THIS SEASON THAN LAST, JUDGING FROM LATEST BAE SURVEY. SHIPMENTS OF STOCKERS AND FEEDERS INTO 8 CORNBELT STATES JULY THROUGH OCTOBER UP 17 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO AND SECOND LARGEST ON RECORD. OCTOBER SHIPMENTS OF FEEDER CATTLE LARGEST ON RECORD. OTHER IMPORTANT FEEDING AREAS ALSO SHOW INCREASES.

LAMBS TO BE FED FOR WINTER AND SPRING SEASON ALSO GREATER. JULY-OCTOBER SHIPMENTS TO CORNBELT STATES UP 30 PERCENT FROM SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. OCTOBER SHIPMENTS LARGEST FOR MONTH SINCE 1946.

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Practices that produce average yields of 72 bushels of corn per acre in southern fields are cited by scientists at Mississippi Agr. Experiment Station and USDA. Outmodes growing recommendations made as recently as 1944. Pre-World War II average for Mississippi only 15 bushels an acre.

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Total of 11,720,000 people were working on farms week of October 21-27, BAE reports. Down 1-1/2 million from harvest-season peak month earlier. Family workers down 783,000 - hired workers 849,000. As in past three years, total number in October smaller than year earlier.

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Sales of wheat under International Wheat Agreement for period November 7 to 13 inclusive were 8,709,000 bushels. Principal importing countries were Mexico, Portugal, Netherlands, Peru and Belgium. Cumulative sales since opening of quotas for 1951-52 year on June 14 total 137,998,000 bushels.

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Plans have been completed to house all State offices of USDA agencies under one roof in Iowa...in the Iowa Building, Des Moines. Included are Soil Conservation Service (now located at Ames), Farmers Home Administration, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Bureau of Animal Industry and Production & Marketing Administration. Action is in line with USDA's objective for consolidation of field offices to provide "one-stop" service for farmers.

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MORE CASTOR OIL FOR MILITARY PURPOSES IS AIM OF USDA'S 1952-CROP CASTOR BEAN PROGRAM. REQUESTED BY MUNITIONS BOARD, PROGRAM WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY CCC. AIMS AT PLANTING OF 200,000 ACRES, YIELDING 113 TO 155 MILLION POUNDS OF BEANS FROM WHICH ABOUT 50 TO 70 MILLION POUNDS OF CASTOR OIL WOULD BE OBTAINED. SIMILAR PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN '51 RESULTS NOT YET SUMMARIZED. CROP PRODUCED MAINLY IN OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, CALIFORNIA.

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Sugar distribution for civilian and military use week ended November 10 was 127,083 short tons, raw value. Compares with 115,974 tons same week last year. Distribution January 1 to November 10 totaled 6,844,580 tons against 7,273,783 tons same period 1950.

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Meat production under Federal inspection week ended November 17 was estimated at 349 million pounds, down 12 percent from preceding week's output of 396 million pounds and 4 percent under 363 million pounds year ago. Drop from previous week due mainly to closing of slaughter plants on Armistice Holiday.

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USDA has announced that its fresh winter pear export payment program will end effective midnight, E.S.T. November 30, 1951. Contracts for exports entered into and applications filed and approved under program prior to termination time will not be affected.

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Food stocks in refrigerated warehouses at end of October totaled 4.8 billion pounds. The 2.7 billion pounds in cooler space was up 48 percent from September 30, with apples accounting for most of increase. Freezer stocks of 2.1 billion pounds were up 2 points, with poultry showing greatest percentage increase.

Following are net changes in storage holdings during October:

Cooler Commodities	Holdings Oct. 31	Net Change during Oct.	Freezer Commodities	Holdings Oct. 31	Net Change during Oct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Apples	1,261,008	+892,176	Fruits	384,323	- 3,606
Pears	171,900	-126,400	Vegetables	549,019	+33,253
Dried & ev.fts.	35,811	- 8,470	Cream	33,360	- 6,189
Can'd.ft.& veg.	3,943	+ 410	Cream'y butter	94,812	-18,689
Nuts & nutmeats	49,380	-18,265	Eggs	119,885	-31,408
Cheese	257,886	-14,167	Poultry	258,810	+ 92,568
Shell eggs	23,085	-20,025	Beef	109,325	+ 20,477
Dried eggs	22,233	- 2,966	Pork	125,076	-25,655
Beef	7,808	+1,775	Sausage	5,008	- 472
Pork	156,898	-18,330	Lamb & mutton	9,807	+ 2,580
Sausage	8,311	+ 57	Veal	10,257	+ 2,837
Canned meats	22,659	-3,634	Edible offal	43,034	- 3,117
Lard & pork fat	29,596	-1,224	Other	396,418	-16,783
Other	641,508	+186,865			
Total	2,692,026	+870,250	Total	2,139,134	+ 45,796

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SPRING VEGETABLE GOALS CALLING FOR 3 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1951 PRODUCTION HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY USDA. INCREASES RECOMMENDED FOR SNAP BEANS, BEETS, CABBAGE, CARROTS AND ONIONS: REDUCTIONS FOR CELERY, GREEN PEPPERS AND SHALLOTS. POTATO GOAL CALLS FOR 350 MILLION BUSHELS, AGAINST 1951 OUTPUT OF 337 MILLION. GOALS ARE SUGGESTIONS OF USDA, INTENDED AS AID TO GROWERS.

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A purchase program to assist growers in marketing the second largest pecan crop on record has been announced by USDA. Department will consider offers of 1951-crop pecans from growers and shellers....may purchase approximately 3,350,000 pounds of pecan meats equal to about 10,000,000 pounds of in-shell pecans.

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The prospective 1952 supply situation for insecticides, fungicides and herbicides has been outlined by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan. Purpose is to guide farmers planning next year's production. Indications are farmers could help avert possible bottlenecks in supplies by purchasing part of estimated requirements now; and by continued orderly buying before actual needs to lessen manufacturers between-season storage problems.

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Butter production January through September this year was 996,170,000 pounds, compared with 1,152,735,000 pounds same period in 1950.

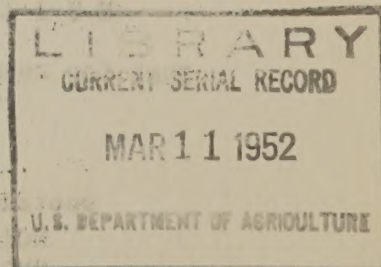
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ORANGES, RAISINS, AND TURKEYS ARE FOODS USDA SAYS WILL BE IN HEAVIEST PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY FOR FOOD TRADE IN DECEMBER. COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF TURKEYS NOVEMBER 1 WERE LARGEST SINCE 1946...UP 7-1/2 MILLION POUNDS FROM LAST YEAR. PORK, APPLES, BROILERS, FRYERS, CANNED TUNA, WHITING AND OCEAN PERCH FILLETS, COTTAGE CHEESE, HONEY, NONFAT DRY MILK SOLIDS AND PECANS ARE ALSO ON PLENTIFUL LIST.

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U. S. now has about 6 percent fewer farms than in 1900, but the average acreage per farm is up from 146 to 203 acres, BAE reports. Number of farms is estimated at 5.2 million.

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Fats and oils prices aren't expected by BAE to make the sharp rise of last fall and winter. U. S. output of 12.6 billion pounds - a new record - is expected for year. Supplies food fats large enough to hold consumption and exports at high levels and still leave larger stocks at end of year.

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CONSUMERS WILL HAVE MORE BEEF TO EAT NEXT YEAR, BAE PREDICTS. MORE CATTLE AND CALVES WILL GO TO MARKET. CATTLEMEN BUILT UP HERDS RAPIDLY THIS YEAR, ADDED 6 OR 7 MILLION HEAD TO THE 84 MILLION ON HAND LAST JANUARY 1. CATTLE SLAUGHTER THIS YEAR AT 10-YEAR LOW, CALF SLAUGHTER AT 18 YEAR LOW. LARGER SLAUGHTER NEXT YEAR NOT LIKELY TO RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL PRICE DECLINES OF EITHER CLASS.

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A marketing quota of 650,000 tons of 1952-crop peanuts and a national allotment of 1,673,102 acres has been announced by USDA. Marketing quota same as for 1951 crop; acreage allotment smaller.

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Nearly half of the oranges consumed by civilians in 1950 were eaten in the form of canned and frozen orange juice. Ten years ago only about one-tenth were consumed in that form.

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Meat production week ended November 24 dropped to an estimated 325 million pounds at federally inspected plants, down 7 percent from week earlier and 1 percent under year ago. Drop from previous week due to Thanksgiving closing of plants, although hog slaughter about same and actually larger in some areas. Marketing of grass cattle down seasonally and proportion of choice and prime grades greater than year ago. Supplies lower grade beef now appear adequate for demand.

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New edition of bulletin "Marketing Farm Poultry" is being issued by USDA. Bulletin "Marketing Farm Eggs" scheduled for release soon.

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Castor oil supplies and demand in first half of 1952 will be discussed by Industrial Oils Industry Advisory Committee with USDA officials at December 5 meeting in Washington, D. C.

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USDA purchases of apples under its fresh apple export program are indicated at 256,430 boxes. Purchases under surplus removal program week ended November 17 were 122,499 bushels.

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ABOUT 28-1/2 MILLION CHRISTMAS TREES ARE EXPECTED TO BE DECORATED THIS YEAR, ABOUT SAME AS LAST YEAR. AROUND 9 MILLION COMING FROM CANADA, SLIGHTLY MORE THAN YEAR AGO. USDA EXTENSION FORESTERS EXPECT PRICES TO BE "AGREEABLE TO CONSUMERS."

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The 9,025,000,000 pounds of milk produced in October was nearly the same as record output of 9,081,000,000 year earlier. January-October production 102,900,000,000 pounds, close to the 103,600,000,000 pounds same period 1950.

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This year's crop of lespedeza seed is expected by BAE to be 14 percent under that of 1950 and 21 percent below 1940-49 average. Acreage smallest since 1937, yield per acre only little above average.

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Sugar distribution by primary distributors week ended November 17 totalled 120,648 short tons, raw value. Compares with 128,115 tons same week last year. Distribution January 1 to November 17, 6,965,372 against 7,401,898 same period 1950.

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October production of 79,426,000 chicks by commercial hatcheries was largest on record for month...up 7 percent from October 1950 and 69 percent above 1945-49 average. Chick production by hatcheries this year will be largest in history of industry, BAE reports. Present indications point to output of 1,750,000,000.

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Consumer demand for fruits is expected to be stronger next year. Demand from processors may be weaker due to larger canned carry-over. With average weather, less deciduous fruit probably will be produced than in 1951. Under these conditions, prices of deciduous fruits probably will average about the same as in 1951, BAE states.

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FOLLOWING CHANGES IN FEDERAL MILK ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY USDA: (1) SPRINGFIELD, MO. ORDER, PROVIDING FOR PRICES TO PRODUCERS JULY THROUGH MARCH AT NOT LESS THAN CLASS I PRICE IN ST. LOUIS ORDER FOR PLANTS IN SPRINGFIELD AREA. (2) ST. LOUIS, MO. ORDER, INVOLVING GREATER SEASONAL CHANGE IN CLASS I MILK PRICES, LARGER PRICE ADJUSTMENTS UNDER SUPPLY-DEMAND PROVISIONS, AND EXPANSION OF MARKETING AREA.

PROPOSED INCREASES IN MINIMUM MILK PRICES TO PRODUCERS UNDER DUBUQUE, IA. MARKETING ORDER WILL BE CONSIDERED AT HEARING BEGINNING 10:00 A.M., CST., NOVEMBER 28, IN CIVIL SERVICE ROOM, FEDERAL BUILDING, DUBUQUE, IA.

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Commercial truck crops produced this fall for fresh market will be about 10 percent less than last fall but 8 percent above average, BAE reports. Cabbage, carrots, and lettuce show largest drops. More snap beans, cauliflower, celery, spinach and tomatoes.

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Principal change in USDA's revised regulations governing importation of non-quota sugar is one which limits entries to quantities entered under bond for refining and export. Exception is made for unusual circumstances, when Agriculture Secretary by public notice may permit entry of additional quantities under bond for "refining and return to Customs' duty." (Non-quota sugar is sugar in excess of quantities permitted entry under Secretary's annually determined quotas for domestic consumption.)

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Sales of wheat under International Wheat Agreement for period November 14 through November 20 amounted to 9,184,000 bushels. Cumulative sales by United States since opening of quotas for 1951-1952 year on June 14 total 147,182,000 bushels. Unsold balance of U.S. guaranteed quantity for year is 107,967,000 bushels.

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LETTUCE CRATE DEVELOPED BY PMA HAS, IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR, REPLACED ALMOST ENTIRELY CRATE THAT HAD BEEN STANDARD IN INDUSTRY FOR THIRTY YEARS. SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SHAPED THAN OLD ONE AND DESIGNED FOR LARGER SIZED LETTUCE HEADS NOW BEING PRODUCED. NEW CRATE ONE OF PMA PROJECTS UNDER RESEARCH AND MARKETING ACT.

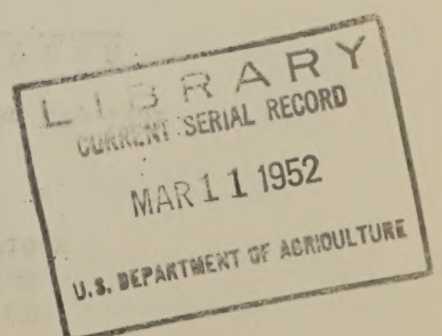
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Estimated receipts of 134,000 hogs at twelve terminal markets on Tuesday, November 27, were largest for any single day since January 10, 1950.

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FOOD MARKETING NEWSLETTER

PRODUCTION GOALS

A new record for U. S. farm output in 1952 is aim of production goals...4 percent greater than this year and nearly 50 percent above prewar (1935-1939). Heaviest emphasis on production feed grains vital to maintaining increased livestock numbers. New goals are: corn, 3,375 million bushels; grain sorghums 200 million bushels; soybeans 276 million bushels; cotton 16 million bales; dry edible beans 16 million bags; oats 1,360 bushels; barley 290 million bushels; rye 22 million bushels; flaxseed 38 million bushels; rough rice, 42 million bags; tame hay, 98 million tons. Goals are intended as acreage guides, not compulsory upon farmers.

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DRIED PRUNES AND RAISINS, FRESH ORANGES AND TANGERINES ARE FEATURED ON USDA'S LIST OF FOODS EXPECTED TO BE IN PLENTIFUL SUPPLY NATIONALLY DURING JANUARY. OTHER PLENTIFULS ARE ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICES, PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS, NONFAT DRY MILK, COTTAGE CHEESE, CANNED TUNA, FROZEN OCEAN PERCH FILLETS AND WHITING, DRY BEANS (BABY LIMA, PEA, NAVY).

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ON FARM REFRIGERATION

Farmers who want to build their own on-farm refrigerator (combination freezer-cooler) can get plans for two-temperature, walk-in "job" developed by USDA. Measures 8 feet, 8 inches wide, 10 feet, 7 inches long, 8 feet high. Cost in one locality about \$1,200 at late 1950 prices. Get working drawings (Plan No. 7102) by writing USDA, Division of Farm Buildings and Rural Housing, Beltsville, Md. Nominal charge for printing and mailing.

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ARGENTINE BEEF EXPORTS

Exports of beef from Argentina dropped sharply the third quarter of this year, USDA's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations reports. Slaughter during part of August was less than needed for domestic consumption and withdrawals made from refrigerated stocks.

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GRAIN EXPORTS

Exports of wheat, flour and macaroni July through October are estimated at 4,020,000 long tons, equivalent of 150,054,000 bushels. Compares with 1,868,000 long tons or 69,640,000 bushels same period 1950. Exports of coarse grains (corn, oats, grain sorghums, barley, rye, corn grits, hominy and meal, corn starch, flour, oat meal, malt) estimated at 1,315,000 long tons or 54,717,000 bushels against 1,590,000 and 65,470,000 respectively same period 1950.

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SUGAR

Revision of Sugar Regulation 817 which sets procedure for entry of offshore sugar into U.S. is being considered by USDA. Aims to consolidate five different forms and letters now used for applications, certifications, etc., into one 6-copy snap-out form; also to simplify and clarify regulation. Views regarding proposed change go to Director, Sugar Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. by December 15.

Sugar distribution by primary distributors week ended November 24 totaled 104,059 short tons, raw value, compared with 106,492 tons same week last year.

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BUTTER IS ONLY MAJOR DAIRY PRODUCT WHOSE MANUFACTURE TOOK LESS MILK IN 1950 THAN IN 1940, ACCORDING TO BAE. MILK USED TO MAKE CREAMERY BUTTER AND BUTTER SOLD BY FARMERS REPRESENTED 28 PERCENT OF ALL MILK SOLD BY PRODUCERS IN 1950 COMPARED WITH 43 PERCENT IN 1940. OTHER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS NOW TAKE MORE MILK.

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DESSERT MIXES

USDA has developed several dessert mixes requiring only the addition of cold water and no cooking for military rations.

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## EGGS

Liquid egg production during October was 4,305,000 pounds compared with 9,910,000 pounds year earlier, BAE reports. Dried egg output 370,000 pounds against 1,984,000 pounds October 1950; frozen egg production 3,174,000 pounds against 4,535,000 year earlier.

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## CCC SALES LIST

CCC commodities for domestic sale during December are dried whole eggs, nonfat dry milk solids, raw linseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter pea seed, blue lupine seed, common and Williamette vetch seed, red clover seed, wheat, oats, barley and corn. For sale to commercial exporters are dry edible beans and Austrian winter pea seed. Dried whole eggs will be made available on offer-and-acceptance basis to prospective buyers who submit offers on or before December 14, 1951.

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FARMERS RECEIVED ABOUT 50 CENTS OF THE CONSUMER'S DOLLAR SPENT FOR FARM FOOD PRODUCTS IN OCTOBER, BAE STATES. SAME AS IN 2 PRECEDING MONTHS, SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN SAME MONTHS YEAR AGO AND BELOW THAT IN YEARS 1943 TO 1948.

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## SOYBEANS

World soybean production this year may be near 650 million bushels, somewhat less than last year's record crop now estimated at 654 million bushels. Smaller U. S. crop largely explains drop.

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## MILK ORDERS

The Clinton, Iowa and Quad Cities (Davenport, Ia., and Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, Ill.) federal milk marketing orders were merged on December 1. Change required by close relationship between two markets.

Hearings to consider several proposed changes in orders covering Rockford-Freeport, Illinois, and Fort Wayne, Indiana, were held December 4.

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AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BRANNAN HAS PROCLAIMED 1952 NATIONAL MARKETING QUOTAS FOR FLUE-CURED AND BURLEY TOBACCO. QUOTA SET AT 1,357,000,000 POUNDS FLUE-CURED, 591,000,000 POUNDS BURLEY. COMPARES WITH 1951 QUOTAS OF 1,297,000,000 POUNDS FLUE-CURED AND 580,000,000 POUNDS BURLEY.

USDA SAYS THERE WILL BE NO MARKETING QUOTAS OR ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS ON 1952 CROPS OF CORN AND RICE. SUPPLIES EACH BELOW LEVEL REQUIRING MARKETING QUOTAS UNDER AAA ACT.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Meat production under federal inspection week ended December 1 was 399 million pounds, up 23 percent from preceding holiday week and largest since mid-January. With hog marketings largest since early 1944, pork output jumped 26 percent above week earlier and was 1 percent above year earlier. Slaughter of other species also larger than previous week but under year ago.

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## GRAINS

Farmers put 201,767,099 bushels of 1951-crop wheat, barley, oats, rye, corn, grain sorghums, soybeans and flaxseed under price support through October this year. Compares with 189 million bushels 1950-crop grains under support same period last year, including about 142 million bushels wheat.

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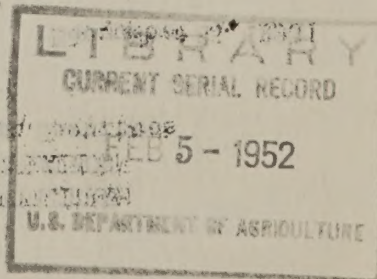
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**LIVESTOCK AND MEATS**

Production of 410 million pounds of meat in federally inspected plants week ended December 8 was largest of year to date, reflecting big hog kill. Compares 399 million preceding week, 412 million year earlier.

Hog slaughter 1,843,000 head, biggest weekly kill since February 1944 when all-time record pig crop marketed.

BAE expects larger meat output remainder this winter than last. Cattle and calf marketings next few months likely to be at or above year earlier; hog marketings to continue larger this winter and spring than last; more lamb and mutton also in prospect next few months than year ago.

Bureau believes hog prices to probably reach seasonal low in December, then rise for couple months. Cattle prices have declined but remain near levels set by ceiling regulations. Prices of sheep and lamb have changed little for several months.

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USDA IS IN MARKET FOR 1,500,000 POUNDS OF REFINED OR UNREFINED LARD FOR ARMY USE IN RYUKYU ISLANDS. OFFERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M., E.S.T., DECEMBER 12 FOR ACCEPTANCE NOT LATER THAN 11:59 P.M., DECEMBER 14. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE LIVESTOCK BRANCH, PMA, USDA, ROOM 3534 SOUTH BUILDING, WASHINGTON 25, D.C....TELEPHONE REPUBLIC 4142--EXT.2506 OR 2650.

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**DRY MILK SOLIDS**

October output of 35,825,000 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids was lowest for month since 1947, BAE reports. Production 1 percent below year earlier, 3 percent under 1945-49 average for month. Output first 10 months 1951 totaled 649,975,000 pounds, down 20 percent from same period 1950.

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**GARDENS**

Continuation of 8-point garden and home food preservation program similar to that of 1951 is urged by USDA. Although total farm output this year is at record level, food requirements demand best use of all sources of food.

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**COTTON**

Latest BAE estimate of 1951 cotton crop is 15,290,000 bales....481,000 bales or 3 percent under November 1 forecast. Compares with 1950 crop of 10,012,000 bales and 10-year average of 12,030,000.

On October 1, 26,402 bales of 1948 and 1949-crop cotton were in CCC inventory, plus 2,937 bales of 1950-crop cotton pooled for account of producers.

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**FOOD STOCKPILING**

Don't stockpile food for civil defense purposes; "highly impractical and detrimental to general good programs," say USDA and Federal Civil Defense Administration. In case of enemy attack, according to Under Secretary of Agriculture Clarence J. McCormick, undamaged normal food supplies in hands of local wholesalers, retailers or in private homes, plus food supplies enroute would be sufficient, if properly distributed, to meet local emergency needs.

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USDA WILL BUY SHELLLED PECANS ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 28.

PURCHASES BEING MADE TO ASSIST GROWERS IN MARKETING SECOND LARGEST PECAN CROP ON RECORD. DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL LUNCH AND OTHER ELIGIBLE OUTLETS. GET FURTHER INFORMATION FROM E.M. GRAHAM OR J.W. PARK, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH, PMA, USDA, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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**ORANGES**

USDA's export payment program, announced this week, aims to help market record orange crop by encouraging exports of fresh and processed product. Similar to programs of past three years; provides for payment up to 40 percent of export sale price, basis F.A.S. ports, with certain limitations.

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## SWISS CHEESE - RAISINS

Standards for Swiss cheese to replace present tentative ones and a revision of standards for grades of processed raisins have been proposed by USDA.

Cheese standards based on flavor, body, eyes and texture, finish and appearance, salt, and color. Grades would be U.S. Grades A, B, C and D. Views and comments go to Dairy Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D.C. by January 7, 1952.

Revised raisin standards would (1) add new size classification for Thompson Seedless to be designated "Select" and (2) add size classifications also for Seeded Muscat to be designated "Select", "Small", and "Mixed". Views and comments go to Fruit and Vegetable Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D.C., by January 5, 1952.

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COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT EXPORTS OF GRAINS AND OILSEEDS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT 1,708,000 LONG TONS FOR DECEMBER AND 1,807,000 FOR JANUARY BY USDA. DECEMBER FIGURE COMPARES WITH 1,292,500 LONG TONS ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED OCTOBER 8. PRELIMINARY EXPORTS OF 1,510,000 LONG TONS FOR FEBRUARY AND 1,445,000 FOR MARCH ALSO SCHEDULED.

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## FEED

A new commercial feed consisting of ground dehydrated ear corn, analyzed at 8 percent protein,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  percent fat, 10 percent moisture and 8 percent fiber appeared on market last week. Offered at \$61.30 per ton at Kansas City.

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## SUGAR

Sugar distribution by primary distributors week ended December 1 was 125,679 short tons, raw value, against 119,773 tons same week 1950. Covers distribution in continental U.S. for civilian and military use.

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## RICE

First estimate of 1951-52 (August-July) world harvest of rough rice is about same as the 340 million pounds produced in 1950-51. Planted acreages were again at last year's record level, but unfavorable weather again reduced yield prospects in some countries.

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CCC HAD \$2,036,088,000 INVESTED IN PRICE-SUPPORT PROGRAM LOANS AND INVENTORIES ON OCTOBER 31 (\$763,523,000 IN OUTSTANDING LOANS AND \$1,272,565,000 IN INVENTORIES.) CORPORATION'S NET LOSS \$39,252,000 FIRST FOUR MONTHS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952. LOSS FOR FULL FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1951 WAS \$345,599,000.

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## CATTLE

Latest BAE cattle feeding report still points to more cattle on feed this winter and spring than last year. November shipments of stockers and feeders into 8 cornbelt states only 5 percent less than record shipments of year ago. July-November movement of 2,335,000 head 12 percent above same period last year and second highest on record. All 8 states got more cattle in five month period except Indiana, where receipts were down less than 1 percent. Percentage increases as follows: Iowa, 2; Illinois, 11; Nebraska, 38; Minnesota, 12; Ohio, 29; Wisconsin, 16; and Michigan 99.

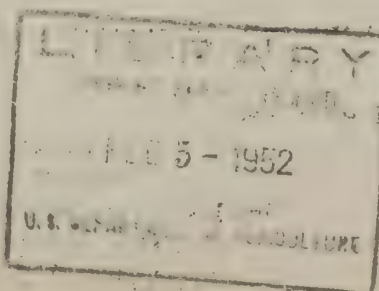
Price of feeder cattle at five large markets week ended November 29 was \$32.37 per hundred pounds, \$3.70 higher than year ago. Average price for November \$3.75 above November 1950. July-November average \$5.26 over year earlier.

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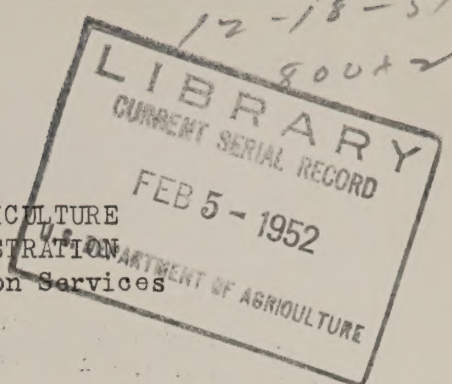
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LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

BAE expects more sheep and lambs to be fed for winter and spring market than year ago. A few cornbelt states may show fewer lambs on feed January 1, but most important states will have more. Movement of lambs to 8 cornbelt states in November was 28 percent above year earlier. July-November movement up 30 percent from year ago.

Production of meat in federally inspected packing plants week ended December 15 was estimated at 402 million pounds.

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NATION'S OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 2,175,942,000 BUSHELS. USDA ESTIMATE INCLUDES PRIVATE AND PUBLIC STORAGE, ALSO SOME FLAT STORAGE. CCC-OWNED STORAGE STRUCTURES NOT INCLUDED. LARGEST CAPACITIES REPORTED FOR FOLLOWING STATES: TEXAS 217,481,000 BUSHELS; KANSAS 206,948,000; ILLINOIS 201,365,000; AND MINNESOTA 191,089,000.

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GRAIN EXPORTS

More wheat has been scheduled by USDA for export to Egypt, India, Ireland, Peru, and Switzerland during first quarter 1952. Comes out of reserves previously set up for period and does not change total program announced November 30.

Sales of wheat under International Agreement December 5-11 inclusive were 11,085,000 bushels. Sales since opening of 1951-52 quotas on June 14 totaled 185,560,000 bushels.

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FARM LABOR

A total of 8,873,000 people were working on farms in late November. Nearly 3 million less than month earlier, due to seasonal slack in farm work. During week ended November 24, number of family workers down about 1.7 million and hired workers down 1.1 million from previous month.

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STORAGE

CCC is in market for about 200 exhaust or blower fan assemblies for use in bin-type storage structures which it owns. Offers invited up to 5:00 p.m., E.S.T., December 29. Fans must be furnished complete with housing unit, connecting hood, screen guard and a flexible structure ventilating system and other necessary parts for operation. Full information available from Grain Branch, Room 3932, South Building, Production and Marketing Administration, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

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EXPORTERS HAVE UNTIL WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK TO MAKE OFFERS FOR CCC'S REMAINING STOCKS OF 14,134,272 POUNDS OF DRIED EGGS. PREVIOUSLY OFFERED AT SET PRICE UNDER EXPORT SALE PROGRAM, STOCKS WERE PUT ON OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE BASIS DECEMBER 1.

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Merry Christmas



COLD STORAGE REPORT

Cooler space was 67 percent occupied and freezer space 84 percent occupied on November 30. Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Minneapolis among cities reporting tight freezer space situation. Cooler-held foodstuffs down 3 percent from end of October, totaling 2.7 billion pounds; freezer held commodities up 2 percent at 2.2 billion pounds.

Here are net changes storage holdings during November:

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Cooler	Holdings	Net Change	Freezer	Holdings	Net Change
Commodities	Nov. 30	during Nov.	Commodities	Nov. 30	during Nov.
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	1,000 lb.	Percent		1,000 lb.	Percent
Apples	1,331,712	- 2	Fruits	354,172	- 7
Pears	103,650	-49	Vegetables	525,223	- 5
Dried &			Cream	23,918	-26
ev. fts.	36,356	/ 1	Cream'y butter	59,990	-37
Can'd. ft.			Eggs	93,662	-23
& veg.	3,610	/ 2	Poultry	308,366	/19
Nuts & nutmeats	44,676	- 3	Beef	166,743	/43
Cheese	233,191	-10	Pork	209,394	/71
Shell eggs	10,440	-56	Sausage	5,756	/16
Dried eggs	19,852	-10	Lamb and mutton	11,498	/18
Beef	10,023	/ 23	Veal	15,671	/46
Pork	192,771	/ 25	Edible offal	52,041	/21
Sausage	8,942	/ 10	Other	375,811	- 6
Canned Meats	24,341	/ 13			
Lard & pork					
fat	32,720	/ 4			
Other	666,406	/ 5			
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Total	2,718,690	- 3	Total	2,202,245	/ 2
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HONEY

MORE THAN 18 MILLION POUNDS OF THIS YEAR'S RECORD HONEY PRODUCTION WAS UNDER PRICE SUPPORT DECEMBER 10. PRODUCTION ESTIMATED AT 249 MILLION POUNDS AGAINST SOME 233 MILLION LAST YEAR. IN MID-SEPTEMBER NEARLY HALF THIS YEAR'S CROP STILL UNMARKETED, MAKING HONEY ONE OF FOODS IN HEAVIEST SUPPLY.

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Citrus

USDA bought 186,460 cases of twelve No. 3 cylinder cans of concentrated orange juice (3 to 1 ration) in Florida for distribution to school lunch programs and other eligible outlets. Equivalent to 804,109 gallons. Delivery period January 7 through February 9, 1952.

Early and mid-season 1951-52 crop of oranges are estimated by BAE at 56.1 million boxes....4 percent above last season and 21 percent above average. Valencias forecast at 61.2 million boxes...2 percent under last season but 16 percent above average. Total grapefruit crop indicated at 40.7 million boxes, off 13 percent and 20 percent respectively.

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'51 CROP PRODUCTION

Production of crops in U.S., despite bad weather in many areas, was third largest in history, according to year-end calculations of USDA. Only crops of '48 and '49 were larger. Yield per acre was second highest on record.

New information, available from 1950 census, makes adjustments necessary in earlier calculations of production during the 1940's, and USDA will issue revised estimates for past years to aid in making comparisons.

Weather hampered production of many important crops. Drouth in plains country hurt winter wheat, caused abandonment and poorly filled heads; drouth also got cotton off to bad start and hurt yields to extent not realized until harvest time. Floods in Missouri and Kansas took about 5 million acres out of production. Cool summer and early frost hit corn crop, resulting in reduced yields and lower feeding value per bushel in some important regions.

New high records of production were set in rice, grapes, hops, and vegetables for canning.

Production of truck crops for fresh market was 6 per cent below 1950, but 11 per cent above average for 1940-49.

Complete reports on crop production issued by Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA, Washington 25, D. C.

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RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT SHIPMENTS OF CASTOR OIL AND TUNG OIL WILL BE CONTINUED IN FIRST QUARTER OF '52. EXPORTS LIMITED TO 100,000 POUNDS OF CASTOR OIL AND 90,000 POUNDS OF TUNG OIL, SAME AS LAST QUARTER OF '51.

"REASONABLE" AMOUNTS OF COCONUT, CITRICAC, AND MEDICINAL CASTOR OILS MAY BE EXPORTED. INDIVIDUAL EXPORT LICENSES STILL REQUIRED.

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APPLES

Commercial apple crop in 1951 finally estimated at just under 112 million bushels, compared with 123 million year before and 133 million in '49, and ten-year average of 109 million. Midwest had biggest increase over '50 crop, about 23 million bushels, 29 per cent above year earlier, 22 per cent above average.

Leading varieties were Delicious, 17 per cent of crop; McIntosh, 13 per cent; Winesap, 11 per cent; Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Stayman, York Imperial, Yellow Newtown, and Golden Delicious from 8 down to 4 per cent of total crop.

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RETAIL MILK PRICES INCREASED IN ABOUT 9 PER CENT OF NATION'S MARKETS DURING LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER. AVERAGE PRICE AT MID-DECEMBER WAS 22.9 CENTS PER QUART. AVERAGE PRICE PAID BY DEALER WAS \$5.41 FOR CLASS I MILK CONTAINING 3.5 PER CENT BUTTERFAT, 4 CENTS HIGHER THAN NOVEMBER AVERAGE 53 CENTS ABOVE DECEMBER LAST YEAR. MILWAUKEE AND MINNEAPOLIS HAD LOWEST RETAIL PRICE; JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, HIGHEST. SMALL DECREASES IN WHOLESALE PRICE REPORTED IN SOME MIDWEST MARKETS.

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FROZEN ASPARAGUS

USDA proposes changes in standards for frozen asparagus to include "tips" as style of frozen asparagus, and providing for more types of asparagus, "white", "green-white" and "mixed color" in addition to "green" and "all green" types. Revisions have been recommended by packers and are proposed to meet needs of industry. Opinions welcomed at Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, Washington.

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#### GRAIN EXPORTS

Nearly 251 million bushels of grain and grain products were exported from U.S. during five months, July-November. Compares with 176 million during comparable period last year. Bulk of exports were wheat, flour, macaroni, also representing biggest increase over year ago. Total about 184 million bushels of wheat or equivalent. Coarse grains only 66 million bushels, compared to 88 million year ago.

USDA has bought 32 million pounds of 80 per cent extraction flour for export to Formosa. Mills offered 82 million pounds. Purchase is equivalent to 697 thousand bushels.

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SPRING PIG CROP IN '52 WILL BE ABOUT 5.5 MILLION BELOW THAT OF LAST YEAR USDA BELIEVES, BASED ON ESTIMATES OF FARMERS BREEDING PLANS. ABOUT 56.5 MILLION PIGS COMPARED WITH 62 MILLION LAST SPRING. ABOUT 80 PER CENT IN MIDWEST. FALL PIG CROP IN '51 WAS ABOUT 40 MILLION.

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#### MEAT PRODUCTION

Meat production under Federal inspection during week ended December 22 was 371 million pounds, down 8 per cent from previous week, but 1 per cent above year ago. Snow and bad roads kept some livestock from coming to market. Wholesale beef prices were down and demand apparently was reduced. Pork production still makes up about 60 per cent of total meat supply, but peak of marketing spring pig crop evidently is past. Pork production was 222 million pounds, beef, 132; veal 8.8 million and lamb 7.7 million pounds.

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#### CHICK PRODUCTION

Nation's hatcheries produced over 78 million baby chicks during November, highest on record for the month, 63 per cent above November average during 1945-49. Number of chicks for broiler production was about 18 per cent above year ago. Number of eggs in incubators on December 1 was 6 per cent above year ago. Total baby chick production for first 11 months of the year was 1.7 billion chicks, compared with 1.4 billion last year. Chicks hatched in major broiler producing areas during each month of 1951 consistently have run about 24-32 per cent above same month year ago, indicating broiler production accounts for most of increase in chick production.

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USDA IS INVITING BIDS ON DRY SKIM MILK (SPRAY PROCESS) SUITABLE FOR ANIMAL FEED. MILK IS IN 44 LOTS, RANGING FROM 9,000 TO 60,000 POUNDS. MOST IS STORED IN MIDWEST. OFFERS TO BUY WILL BE CONSIDERED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 3 AT DAIRY BRANCH, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION, USDA, WASHINGTON.

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#### SUGAR

Sugar quotas for U. S. based on about 100 pounds per person have been announced by Secretary Brannan. Total quota is 7.7 million tons, compared to quota of 8 million tons originally set for '51. This quota was set late in '50 when consumers were engaged in scare buying, and consumption fell off during '51, as ample supplies continued to arrive in U. S. Sugar prices have dropped during latter part of '51, and U. S. has released some of its sugar to other countries. Original 1951 sugar quota, representing domestic as well as off-shore production represented about 104 pounds per capita, later reduced to 103 pounds. USDA feels 100 pounds is safe allowance for normal consumption in all forms.

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